

**From:** Louis Philpott  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 9, 2003 4:37 PM  
**Subject:** Congress demand FCC protect public media access

Dear Commissioner Powell:

Numerous reports agree that the Federal Communications is planning to loosen longstanding rules governing control of the media that bring news and views to the American public. This will inevitably lead to monopoly, by a few large corporate giants, of TV stations, newspapers, and broadcast networks.

I urge you, Commissioner Powell, to halt immediately any implementation of these these FCC plans that threaten public access to diverse views and information.

Sincerely,

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**From:** The Donnelly's  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 9, 2003 4:39 PM  
**Subject:** Protecting children

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Dear Commissioner Adelstein.

Approximately one month ago my 14 year old daughter Erin had to work on a history paper, so she explored the internet and went to [www.whitehouse.com](http://www.whitehouse.com). We quickly found out that this is a pornographic web site and, after discussing it, chalked it up to a learning experience.

Shortly after the above incident, my 12 year old, Cara, was helping her brother go to the Twinkie's (popular snack cake) web page. Cara misspelled twinkies by dropping the second i. This led them to a website where they too found themselves seeing images not appropriate for children. After that incident I began to realize that there is no firewall in the world that would block out the word "twinke". How am I to protect my children from seeing these vile images? How can they protect themselves when these images pop up with no warning whatsoever?

Then about two weeks ago my 10 year old daughter, Emma, was reading a book from a series called Boy Talk. She came to me visibly upset because she had gone online looking for other books in the series and had gone to the web page [www.boytalk.com](http://www.boytalk.com), logically enough, and she found out that it, too, was a pornographic web site. We discussed it and that would have been the end of it, except for the fact that our computer is in the kitchen where I can easily keep an eye on things. My seven year old son had gotten on the computer as Emma and I were talking and in trying to click on his favorite web page he accidentally clicked on the last page visited which was, of course, [www.boytalk.com](http://www.boytalk.com). I then saw, along with all six of my children, what Emma had seen.

I began screaming for my children to leave the room while I covered the screen with my body. You see, my 10 year old daughter and 7 year old son had unknowingly opened up a web page which initially showed a close up of a man masturbating, and as the camera panned back, it became obvious that at the same time he was engaging in anal sex with another man. I apologize for being so graphic but my children saw this!! No warning, no choice-it was there on the screen for any child to see! These images were upsetting to me; imagine how upsetting they are to an innocent child.

Almost as upsetting is the fact that as I quickly closed out of this page there were four pop up screens, just as graphic, following it. There was no quick exit from this ruthless visual assault of smut.

Something needs to be done! No adult, and especially no child, should be unwillingly exposed to this kind of obscenity. I am not suggesting curtailing freedom of speech, but there needs to be some kind of protection. Perhaps some kind of "Mr Yuck" sticker or web curtain warning children and adults about the content of such pages. Will some kids still enter these sites? Yes, of course. But all children, including mine, should have to make a deliberate choice whether they want to see these displays. Currently, they are exposed to this garbage whether they like it or not.

I am saddened by my children's brief bath in these filthy images. I worry about the children who have computers in their bedrooms where there may not be a vigilant adult attempting to safeguard their minds and their hearts. I would bet that most adults do not even know that a web site as innocent sounding as [www.whitehouse.com](http://www.whitehouse.com) or [www.twinkies.com](http://www.twinkies.com) are pornographic.

Is it too much to ask that when these web sites are opened that there be a page stating that the web site is not suitable for kids and that it is for adults only? It is the least we can do, as a civil society, to protect our children.

Do you feel comfortable raising your children in a society that seems not to care that a child can innocently come across such filthy nonsense? We place brown paper around adult magazines; can't we do the same for adult web sites? If we don't take care of this problem now, then next time it might be your niece or nephew, your grandchild, it might be your child who is unwillingly exposed to these obscene images. I implore you to address this problem as soon as you are able.

Sincerely,

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**Date:** Thu. Apr 10, 2003 5:12 AM  
**Subject:** FCC regulations and media ownership regulations

Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

My name is Kris Shewczyk. I am a hardworking professional living in Portland, Oregon

I write to you today because of the role you play in whether or not media ownership regulations be eliminated or modified.

It is very important to me as a citizen of these United States that the media is diverse in ownership and content. According to Senator John McCain, the changes being contemplated by the FCC right now are monumental and "will shape the future of communications forever." I agree with Senator McCain.

I urge you to please stop any plans to end critical safeguards designed to help ensure diversity of media ownership. Under the proposed plans, one company in a community will be able to own the newspaper, several TV and radio stations, the cable system, and the principal Internet access company. There will be fewer owners of networks, stations, and newspapers nationwide. I urge you to also call on the FCC to ensure there are public hearings to discuss how such proposals will affect my community and the nation.

All of this is bad for competition, the First Amendment and democracy.

Thank you for your careful consideration,

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